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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

2008–2009 School Year Reports

Dear School Board Members and School Personnel:

The Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) is the State's measure of student progress in achieving the State accountability standards of Maine's *Learning Results*. The *Learning Results* contain goals for what all students should know and be able to do at certain times in their school careers and include the accountability standards that are assessed for each grade. The MEA is administered to students in all grades 3 through 8 to meet state assessment requirements and the requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind* Act.

The 2008-2009 MEA Summary Reports contain the results of student achievement in reading and mathematics at all grades and science at grades 5 and 8 and disaggregated by student and school characteristics. This report, together with MEA individual student and subject-specific class analysis reports, provides support for use in program evaluation and planning.

MEA results reflect scores based on test questions that are taken in common by the approximately 15,000 students in each grade level. Students' scores in each content area are based on answers to a combination of multiple-choice questions and questions that require students to construct an answer. More information about the MEA is available at www.maine.gov/education/mea/index.htm.

I look forward to working with you in support of our continued efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of the instructional opportunities designed to help all students achieve the high standards of the *Learning Results* and demonstrate that achievement through performance on the assessments.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron

Commissioner of Education

Susan A. Lendron



School Report Grade 6

Test Date: March 2009

Code: 13951098

SAU: Thornton Academy

School: Thornton Academy

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SUMMARY OF SCORES

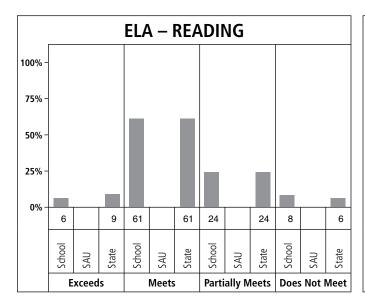
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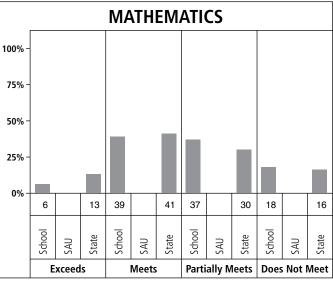
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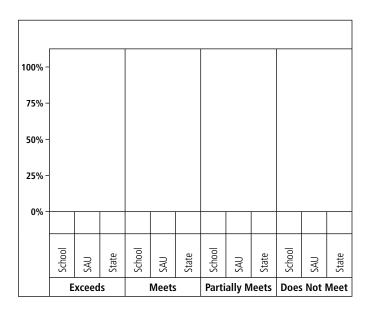
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Summary of School, SAU, and State Scores

Year	Avera	age Scaled :	Score
real	School	SAU	State
ELA – Reading 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	645 644 645 645		646 648 647 647
Mathematics 2006–2007 2007–2008 2008–2009 Cum. Avg.*	636 634 640 637		643 642 643 643







^{*}Cumulative averages are weighted, i.e., the scaled scores are averaged proportionally based on the numbers of students in each year.



SUMMARY OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Test Date: March 2009

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CATEGORY OF		durii	ng test	ing wi	ndow				ELA-	Reading					Mathe	matics								
PARTICIPATION	Sch	nool	Si	AU	St	ate	Sc	hool	S	AU	Sta	ate	Sc	hool	Si	AU	Sta	ate	Sch	nool	S	AU	St	ate
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total number of students	49	100			14251	100	49	100			14150	99	49	100			14156	100						
Ethnicity African American/Black	0	0			421	3	0	0			412	98	0	0			415	99						
American Indian or Native Alaskan	0	0			128	1	0	0			127	99	0	0			128	100						
Asian or Pacific Islander	0	0			212	1	0	0			210	99	0	0			212	100						
Hispanic	0	0			181	1	0	0			177	98	0	0			178	99						
Caucasian/White	49	100			13309	93	49	100			13224	100	49	100			13223	100						
Not Reported	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0			0	0						
Identified disability	8	16			2468	17	8	100			2423	99	8	100			2426	99						
Current LEP	0	0			341	2	0	0			330	97	0	0			338	99						
Economically disadvantaged	0	0			5780	41	0	0			5724	99	0	0			5725	99						
Migrant	0	0			4	0	0	0			4	100	0	0			4	100						

MODE OF			ELA-R	Reading					Mathe	matics								
	Sch	nool	SA	AU	Sta	ate	Sch	nool	S	AU	Sta	ate	Scl	nool	s	AU	St	tate
PARTICIPATION ³	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Participation without accommodations	45	92			11369	80	44	90			11373	80						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	4	9			355	3	3	7			371	3						
LEP	0	0			167	1	0	0			170	1						
504 plan	0	0			172	2	0	0			175	2						
Participation with accommodations	4	8			2594	18	5	10			2605	18						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	4	100			1881	73	5	100			1877	72						
LEP	0	0			155	6	0	0			161	6						
504 plan	0	0			74	3	0	0			71	3						
Other	0	0			519	20	0	0			532	20						
Participation through alternate assessment (PAAP)	0	0			187	1	0	0			178	1						
Identified disability (PET/IEP)	0	0			187	100	0	0			178	100						
LEP	0	0			8	4	0	0			7	4						
504 plan	0	0		!	0	0	0	0			0	0						
Approved non-participation in reading – 1st year LEP	0	0			0	0												
Approved non-participation – special consideration	0	0			26	0	0	0			25	0						
Non-participation – other	0	0			75	1	0	0			70	0						

¹Percents are the percentage of students enrolled in each participation category.

²Percents are the percentage of students, including those who participated through alternate assessment (PAAP), who participated in the content area.

³Percents are the percentage of students in each content area by mode.



ELA-READING RESULTS

Test Date: March 2009

Grade:

SAU: Thornton Academy School: Thornton Academy

STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL

ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		Sch	ool	S	AU	Sta	ite
The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine <i>Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction</i> in English language arts – reading.	's Learning	N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing in-depth inferences, analyzing texts for subtle clues, synthesizing information across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to make deeper connections within or across texts to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 662–680)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	2 3 3 8	5 5 6 5			1132 1817 1309 4258	8 13 9 10
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates the ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level by drawing inferences, summarizing main ideas and providing supporting details, connecting ideas within and across texts, and using his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to increase comprehension. (Scaled Score 642–660)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	25 30 30 85	60 54 61 58			8127 8072 8564 24763	57 57 61 59
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates an inconsistent ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's ability to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, and use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices varies depending on the texts. (Scaled Score 630–640)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	11 19 12 42	26 34 24 29			3549 3194 3291 10034	25 23 24 24
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a limited ability to read and interpret literary and informational texts appropriate for the grade level. The student's responses are often vague or incorrect leaving the impression that the student found it difficult to draw inferences, summarize main ideas and provide supporting details, connect ideas within and across texts, or use his/her knowledge of text features and literary devices to support comprehension. (Scaled Score 600–628)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	4 4 4 12	10 7 8 8			1478 981 799 3258	10 7 6 8

		nber	A	verage Poir	nts Attaine	d (Number	and Percer	nt)
Learning Results Content Standards		oints sible	Sch	ool	SA	∖ U	Sta	ate
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Reading Total Points	56	100	32.3	57.7			33.8	60.4
A1/A2 Interconnected Elements/Literary Text	20	36	10.8	54.0			11.9	59.5
A1/A3/4 Interconnected Elements/Informational Text/Persuasive Text	36	64	21.5	59.7			21.9	60.8

The MEA assesses students' reading skills based on questions related to three types of reading passages: literary, informational, and persuasive. Reading passages include both long and short texts, selected from developmentally appropriate works. MEA reading items measure the English Language Arts accountability content standard A, Reading, contained in Maine's 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index.html.



ELA-READING RESULTS

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Test Date: March 2009

Grade: 6

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24 6	61 24	61	9	13963							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	49	All Students
38 10 20 6 33 7	49 38 56 20 55 33	46 49 56 55 62	5 4 18 5 9	403 125 206 174 13055 0							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 0 0 0 49	Ethnicity African American/Black American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Caucasian/White Not Reported
		30 67	1 11	2236 11727							634 648	25 5	2 2	63 17	5 7	13 71	1 29	0 7	0 3	8 41	Identified disability Yes No
		39 62	2 10	322 13641							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 49	Current LEP Yes No
		54 66	4 13	5617 8346							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 49	Economically disadvantaged Yes No
24 6	61 24	61	9	4 13959							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 49	Migrant Yes No
		63 60	13 6	6743 7220 0							647 642	7 11	2 2	20 32	6 6	63 58	19 11	10 0	3 0	30 19 0	Gender Female Male Not Reported
!!!!!!!!	!	41 64	4 10	1408 12555							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 49	Title 1A targeted program Yes No
		59 61	39 8	636 13327							645	8	4	24	12	61	30	6	3	0 49	Yes
9	64 59	64 59	10 39	12555 636																49	No Gifted/talented program Yes No

E = Exceeds the Standards M = Meets the Standards P = Partially Meets the Standards D = Does Not Meet the Standards

NOTE: Some achievement level results have been left blank because fewer than five (5) students were tested.

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ELA-READING RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

Test Date: March 2009

Grade: 6

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	Students in Each Category		E	ı	И		P	ı	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	Р	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	-	%	%	%	%	%	1	%	%	%	%	%	1
How much homework do you do on school nights? A. none B. less than one hour C. one to two hours D. more than two hours	6 47 41 6	0 2 1 0	0 9 5 0	1 14 12 3	33 61 60 100	1 7 4 0	33 30 20 0	1 0 3 0	33 0 15 0	636 647 645 645							6 59 32 3	5 9 11 10	47 62 64 50	32 24 21 26	16 5 4 13	642 647 648 644
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in reading? A. very good B. good C. fair	29 52 19	2 1 0	14 4 0	10 16 3	71 64 33	2 6 4	14 24 44	0 2 2	0 8 22	651 645 636							31 48 18	17 8 2	66 64 48	14 23 40	3 5 10	651 647 641
D. poor	0																2	1	34	47	18	638
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about reading? A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in reading class. B. They match some of what I have learned. C. They match just a little of what I have learned. D. There is no match.	31 49 18 2	1 2 0 0	7 8 0 0	10 14 6 0	67 58 67 0	3 6 3 0	20 25 33 0	1 2 0 1	7 8 0 100	648 645 643 628							38 49 10 3	13 8 5 3	65 63 48 35	18 24 36 38	3 5 11 24	650 647 642 639
How difficult was the reading part of this test? A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork	18 57 24	0 3 0	0 11 0	7 16 7	78 57 58	1 6 5	11 21 42	1 3 0	11 11 0	645 647 643							16 66 17	7 10 11	52 64 61	30 22 22	11 4 5	644 648 648
How difficult were the reading passages on this test? A. Most of the passages were more difficult than what I normally read. B. Most of the passages were about the same as what I normally read. C. Most of the passages were easier than what I normally read.	4 48 48	0 0 3	0 0 13	2 9 18	100 39 78	0 10 2	0 43 9	0 4 0	0 17 0	644 639 652							10 55 35	2 6 16	39 62 67	42 27 14	17 5 3	639 646 651
How hard did you try on the reading part of this test? A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork. B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork. C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	53 47 0	1 2	4 9	17 13	65 57	5 7	19 30	3	12 4	645 646							48 49 3	10 10 3	60 63 53	24 22 29	6 5 15	647 648 642
How much time do you spend reading at home each day? A. more than one hour B. 20 minutes to an hour C. less than 20 minutes D. I rarely read at home.	22 37 16 24	1 2 0 0	9 11 0 0	8 12 4 6	73 67 50 50	1 3 4 4	9 17 50 33	1 1 0 2	9 6 0 17	650 648 641 640							23 49 11 17	15 10 6 2	65 64 58 51	16 22 29 36	4 4 7 11	650 648 645 642
Optional school/SAU question A. B. C. D.	0 0 100 0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	644												

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

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STUDENTS AT EACH ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL

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ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL DEFINITIONS		Sch	ool	SA	AU	Sta	te
The quality of a student's work at each achievement level reflects progress in attaining Maine's Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction in mathematics.	s Learning	N	%	N	%	N	%
Exceeds the Standards – The student's work demonstrates in-depth understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make multiple connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to synthesize information; analyze and solve difficult problems, including developing and implementing strategies, efficiently and accurately performing procedures, and recording and justifying solutions; and explain complex concepts. (Scaled Score 662–680)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	0 0 3 3	0 0 6 2			2092 1474 1807 5373	15 10 13 13
Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates a general understanding of essential concepts in mathematics, including the ability to make connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate the ability to analyze and solve problems including developing and implementing strategies, to perform procedures, and to record and explain solutions and concepts. The student's work may contain minor errors. (Scaled Score 642–660)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	18 17 19 54	43 30 39 37			5731 6008 5662 17401	40 43 41 41
Partially Meets the Standards – The student's work demonstrates incomplete understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and inconsistent connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate some ability to analyze and solve problems, and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies may be flawed, procedures performed inaccurately, methods not recorded and/or problems not completed. (Scaled Score 628–640)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	14 21 18 53	33 38 37 36			4175 4244 4219 12638	29 30 30 30
Does Not Meet the Standards – The student's work demonstrates limited understanding of essential concepts in mathematics and infrequent or inaccurate connections among central ideas. The student's responses demonstrate minimal ability to solve problems and explain concepts. Problem solving strategies and procedures are often flawed or inappropriate and there may be many omissions. (Scaled Score 600–626)	2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 Cum. Total*	10 18 9 37	24 32 18 25			2308 2346 2290 6944	16 17 16 16

		nber	Avera	age Point	s Attaine	d (Numbe	er and Pe	rcent)
Learning Results Content Standards		oints sible	Sch	ool	SA	AU	Sta	ate
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Mathematics Total Points	56	100	28.4	50.7			30.6	54.6
A. Number	18	32	9.3	51.7			10.3	57.2
B. Data	12	21	6.6	55.0			6.6	55.0
C. Geometry	14	25	6.6	47.1			7.3	52.1
D. Algebra	12	21	5.9	49.2			6.5	54.2

The MEA assesses students' mathematics knowledge based on questions that measure the mathematics accountability content standards contained in Maine's 2007 *Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction*, which can be found at: http://www.maine.gov/education/lres/pei/index. html.

Content Standard A, Number, includes Whole Number, Rational Number, and Real Number.

Content Standard B, Data, includes Measurement and Approximation, Data Analysis, and Probability.

Content Standard C, Geometry, includes Geometric Figures, Geometric Measurement, and Transformations.

Content Standard D, Algebra, includes Symbols and Expressions, Equations and Inequalities, and Functions and Relations.



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%	%	%	%	N	Score	%	%		%	%	N	Score	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	N	
16 64	30	41	13	13978								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	49	All Students
34 66 28 66 12 66 23 66 16 66	36 40 23 41 30	26 29 47 31 41	4 4 18 5 13	406 126 208 175 13063 0								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 0 0 0 0 49	Ethnicity African American/Black American Indian or Native Alaskan Asian or Pacific Islander Hispanic Caucasian/White Not Reported
46 62 11 64	33 30	18 45	3 15	2248 11730								621 644	50 12	4 5	50 34	4 14	0 46	0 19	0 7	0 3	8 41	Identified disability Yes No
40 69 16 69	35 30	22 41	3 13	331 13647								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 49	Current LEP Yes No
25 69 11 64	37 26	33 45	6 18	5620 8358								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 49	Economically disadvantaged Yes No
16 6	30	41	13	4 13974								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 49	Migrant Yes No
16 64 16 64	32 29	40 41	12 14	6738 7240 0								639 641	20 16	6 3	37 37	11 7	40 37	12 7	3 11	1 2	30 19 0	Gender Female Male Not Reported
32 65 15 64	41 29	24 42	3 14	1410 12568								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 49	Title 1A targeted program Yes No
0 66 17 64	3 31	32 41	65 10	637 13341								640	18	9	37	18	39	19	6	3	0 49	Yes
	3	32	65	637																	0	Gifted/talented program Yes No

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MATHEMATICS RESULTS

(QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS)

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QUESTIONNAIRE ITEMS	Students in Each Category		E	ı	М		P		D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	M	Р	D	Mean Scaled Score	Students in Each Category	E	М	P	D	Mean Scaled Score
	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	1	%	%	%	%	%	30010	%	%	%	%	%	Jeore
How much homework do you do on school nights? A. none B. less than one hour C. one to two hours D. more than two hours	6 47 41 6	0 2 1 0	0 9 5	1 9 9	33 39 45	1 7 7 3	33 30 35 100	1 5 3 0	33 22 15	629 641 642 633							6 59 32 3	7 13 14 11	32 41 41 31	28 30 31 33	32 16 14 26	636 643 644 639
Which of the following best describes how you rate yourself as a student in mathematics?						3	100			000										33	20	003
B. good C. fair D. poor	14 49 27 10	1 2 0 0	14 8 0 0	5 10 4 0	71 42 31 0	1 8 4 5	14 33 31 100	0 4 5 0	0 17 38 0	651 642 632 635							30 46 20 4	27 9 2 1	45 45 29 15	18 31 43 46	9 15 26 38	651 643 635 630
How well do the questions that you have just been given on this MEA test match what you have learned in school about mathematics? A. The questions on the test match what I have learned in mathematics	14	1	14	4	57	1	14	1	14	648							35	18	42	27	13	646
class. B. They match some of what I have learned. C. They match just a little of what I have learned. D. There is no match.	47 33 6	2 0 0	9 0 0	10 5 0	43 31 0	6 9 2	26 56 67	5 2 1	22 13 33	642 636 625							50 13 3	11 8 5	43 31 16	31 36 27	15 26 51	643 638 628
How difficult was the mathematics part of this test? A. more difficult than my regular schoolwork B. about the same as my regular schoolwork C. easier than my regular schoolwork	61 33 6	2 1 0	7 6 0	10 8 1	33 50 33	12 4 2	40 25 67	6 3 0	20 19 0	638 643 644							32 56 12	7 13 31	40 42 36	34 30 20	20 15 13	640 644 650
How hard did you try on the mathematics part of this test? A. I tried harder on this test than I do on my regular schoolwork. B. I tried about the same as I do on my regular schoolwork. C. I did not try as hard on this test as I do on my regular schoolwork.	58 35 6	1 2 0	4 12 0	12 6 1	43 35 33	11 6 1	39 35 33	4 3 1	14 18 33	641 642 631							51 45 4	11 15 12	41 41 28	31 29 32	16 16 28	643 644 638
On average, how many minutes a day do you spend working on mathematics in class? A. less than 30 minutes B. 30–45 minutes C. 45–60 minutes D. more than 60 minutes	4 61 31 4	0 1 2	0 3 13 0	0 14 5 0	0 47 33 0	0 11 6	0 37 40 50	2 4 2 1	100 13 13 50	616 641 643 629							6 33 45 16	8 10 15 15	29 37 44 41	29 34 29 28	34 19 12 16	635 641 645 644
How often do you use calculators in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never or almost never	0 6 24 69	0 1 2	0 8 6	0 7 12	0 58 35	0 4 14	0 33 41	3 0 6	100 0 18	623 648 639							9 26 31 34	14 15 13	35 40 43 40	29 30 30 31	22 16 14 18	641 644 644 642
How often do you use hands-on materials in mathematics class? A. almost every day B. two or three days a week C. two or three times each month D. never or almost never	2 23 42 33	0 0 3 0	0 0 15 0	0 3 9 7	0 27 45 44	1 5 6 6	100 45 30 38	0 3 2 3	0 27 10 19	630 637 645 637							17 28 31 23	8 13 15 14	35 42 43 39	33 30 30 30	24 15 13 17	639 643 645 643
Optional school/SAU question A. B. C. D.	0 0 100 0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	628												

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